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Sen. Fulbright Scores President's U2 Policy

WASHINGTON, May 29—Sen. J. W. Fulbright questioned Sunday the wisdom of President Eisenhower's taking responsibility for the U2 flight over the Soviet Union on May 1. "Throughout history no chief of state has assumed the responsibility for espionage," said the Arkansas Democrat, who is chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Fulbright said Secretary of State Christian A. Herter had suggested the statement in which the senator said the U. S. government "confessed all." But it was approved "as a result of consultations with the President, who at the time was at Gettysburg," he said.

Fulbright said in an interview

that even a confession that the plane had been "owned by the Russians" might be better than the President's admission.

Fulbright said that the President's taking responsibility would not help the cause of "peace and freedom" in the world. He said that the U. S. government should not have involved the U. S. in the U2 flight.

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